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sib, there was an uproar! Men mud at a certain place along the scarcely eat for the joy of water-front, although there was a better place nearby; and while we rested he asked peculiar questions. They allost forgot to susmaised him to his face and made much of Tugendheim.

I who followed Parters.

y and to invent unexpected ones

"The day we land in Gallipoli behind the Turkish trenches," said to myself, "is unlikely to be yet if Ranjoor Singh lives." And I was right, sahib. But if I

d been given a thousand years in sich to do it, I never could have essed how Ranjoor Singh would ad us out of the trap. Can the

CHAPTER IV. Fear comes and goes, but a man's love lives with him.-Eastern Prov-

Stamboul was distillusionmentcity of rain and plagues and stinks! The food in barracks was mag-We breathed foul air and yearned for the streets; yet, once in the streets, we yearned to be back in the barracks. Aye, sahib, we saw more in one day of the streets than we thought good for us, none yet understanding the breadth of Ranjoor Singh's wakeman asleep in good opinion of him-self—that being doubtless the opinhe wished the German officers to have of him.

Part of the German plan became evident at once, for, noticing our great enthusiasm at the prospect of being sent to Gallipoli, Tugendheim, in the hope of winning praise, told a German officer we ought to be paraded through the streets as evidence that Indian troops really were fighting with the central powntly. Tugendheim making faces thus and brushing his mustache more flercely upward.

So the first morning after our sent out with a negro band, to tramp back and forth through the hated him, and beside him went a Turk who knew English and who told him the names of streets and

It did not escape my observation that Ranjoor Singh was interested more than a little in the water-front. But we all tramped like dumb men, splashed to the waist with street dirt, aware we were being used to make a mental im-pression on the Turks, but afraid to refuse obedience lest we be not sent to Gallipoli after all. One thought obsessed every single man but me: To get to Gallipoli, and escape to the British trenches dur-

would have been only to enrage them and make them deaf to wise counsels when the proper time should come. And, besides, I knew no more what Ranjoor Singh had in mind than a dead man knows of the weather. We marched through the streets, and marched, stared at the streets, and marched, stared at the streets, and marched, stared at the streets at the streets. the streets, and marched, stared at silently, neither cheered nor mock-led by the inhabitants; and Ranjoor Singh arrived at his own conclusions. Several times during and most of them jeered at me for and most of them jeered at me for any leaves the streets. that one day he halted us in the my pains. I went and found Ran-

we were exhausted when it fell dark and we climbed up the hill to barracks. Yet as we entered the barrack gate I heard Ranjoor Singh tell a German officer in English oticed particularly that he did not ay we were going to Gallipoli. He aid, "The plan now is to send us a Gallipoli." The trade of a lead-rof squadrons, thought I, is to confound the laid plans of the enmy and to invent unexpected ones

"That surely was a lie?" I asked, and they answered that the man who truly had enjoyed such tramping to and fro was no soldier out a mud-fish.

"Then, if he lies to them," I said, "perhaps he tells us the truth after

They howled at me, calling me a man without understanding. Yet when I went away I left them thinking, each man for himself, and hat was good. I went to change the guard, for some of our men were put on sentry-go that night outside the officers' quarters, in spite of our utter weariness. We were smarter than the Kurds, and German officers like smartness.

Weary though Ranjoor Singh must have been, he sat late with the German officers, for the most part keeping silence while they talked. I made excuse to go and speak with him half a dozen times, and the last time I could hardly find him among the wreaths cigaret smoke.

"Sahib, must we really stay a week in this hole?" I aske "So say the Germans," said he.
"Are we to be paraded through the streets each day?" I asked.
"I understand that to be the plan." he answered.

"Then the men will mutiny!" said I.

"Nay!" said he, "let them seek better cause than that!' "Shall I tell them so?" said l and he looked into my eyes through

the smoke as if he could read down ers. The German officer agreed in-into my very heart. "You stantly. Tukendheim making faces "Aye!" said he at last. "You may tell them so!"
So I went and shook some of the

men awake and told them, and arrival we were paraded early and they laughed at me. Then those awoke the others, and soon they streets until nearly too weary to desire life. Ranjoor Singh marchide at the message. On the whole, it bewildered them, even as it did ed at our head looking perfectly contented, for which the men all were in a mood to await developments. They were even willing to tramp the streets; but Ranjoor Singh procured us a day's rest. He himself spent most of the day with the German officers, poring over maps and talking. I went to speak with him as often as I could inyent excuse, and I became familiar with the word Wassmuss that they used very frequently. I heard the word so many times that I could

not forget it if I tried. The next day Ranjoor Singh had a surprise for us. At 10 in the morning we were all lined up in the rain and given a full month's ing some dark night, or perish in the effort. As for me, I kept open-minded ey, and when we were dismissed It is the non-com- and the men filed in to dinner Ran missioned officer's affair to herd joor Singh bade me go among them the men for his officer to lead. To and ask whether they did not wish have argued with them or have opportunity to spend their money

suggested alternative possibilities So I went and asked the ques-would have been only to enrage tion. Only a few said yes. Many



FROM FAR AWAY.

Marconi, who is strong in science, and on whose word we place reliance, informs us that some distant planet (whatever kinds of cri-ters man it,) is sending signals, almost nightly, attempting patiently, politely, to gain some share of our attention; she has important things to mention. It may be Mars, it may be Venus, which through the reach of space has seen us; it may be Jupiter or Saturn, or planet of a humbler pattern, but some blamed world is wigging-wagging, and hopes to do some chew-the-ragging. And if at last we make connection with worlds in vertical direction, if distant globes can get together, no doubt they'll talk about the weather. "It looks like rain," I hear Mars calling; "already sundry drops are falling, and from the east the wind is drilling; Old Pluvius will make a killing." And Jupiter, to our inquiring, will say the corn is badly firing. Already we are daily spieling with shades through twilight spaces reeling, and what they say is all so fruitless, long distance talks seem vain and bootless. We never get a word important; ghosts give us piffle, when they'd ortn't.

loor Singh in the officers' mess and finger-nails

"Ask them once more!" said he. This third time, being in no mood o endure mockery, I put the question with an air of mystery. They asked what the hidden meaning might be, but I shook my head and repeated the question with a smile, as if indeed I knew but would not

"Says Ranjoor Singh," said I, "would the men like opportunity to spend their money?" said most of them, and

such an answer?" I asked, looking days," said one man; "take that more mysterious than ever. And answer and let us see what the

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"Very well!" said he. "Tell him we will either spend our money or let blood! Let us see what he says to that!"

"Shall I say," said I, "that Gooja Singh says so?"
"Nay, nay!" said he, growing anxious. "Let that be the regiment's answer. Name no names!'
I thought it a foolish answer given by a fool, but the men were

in the mood to relish it and began to laugh exceedingly. "Shall I take that answer?" said Gooja Singh asked how long it well I, and they answered "Yes!" might be before we should see doubling their emphasis when I ob-"Shall I bear him, a third time, single shall be shall be



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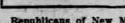
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